MR. A. S. DAMODARAN ASAN (*Mavelikara* cum *Kartikapalli*) : Have they not enquired into the question of the saving that could be effected, in the recurring expenditure on account of the Quilon, Alleppey and Kottayam District Courts, with the opening of a District Court at Mavelikara ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : They say that they are not now in a position to say that.

Application for financial help for higher studies in America by a lady student.

459. **MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR** (*Pattanamtitta*) : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether any woman candidate has applied for financial help to prosecute her studies in the Michigan University in America after the 1st Chingam 1106 ;

(*b*) if the answer to part (*a*) is in the affirmative, the name and address of the applicant ;

(*c*) whether it is a fact that the applicant had pointed out in her application that she is likely to get a scholarship from that University, that that amount would not be sufficient for her expenses there and that, therefore, in case she gets that scholarship, Government should render financial help to her ; and

(*d*) if so, the action taken in the matter ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Srimati N. Gomatikutti Amma, C/o S. S. Nayar, Kallumadam, Chengannur.

(*c*) She had stated that the Michigan University had promised to give her a scholarship of 800 dollars per annum for a period of four years to undergo higher studies in Science in that University and that according to the calculations of the University authorities, this sum is sufficient only for 8 months' stay in a year.

(*d*) On enquiry into the alleged promise of a scholarship by the Michigan University, it was found that only a prospectus and a form of application for a scholarship had been received by her at her request, and that no promise had been made at all. Further, a scrutiny of her marks in the Intermediate classes showed that she was in no way up to this scholarship standard. She was therefore informed that her prayer could not be granted

MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*): It is stated, in answer to part (*d*):

"On enquiry into the promise of a scholarship by the Michigan University it was found that only a prospectus and a form of application for a scholarship had been received by her....."

May I know whether the Government corresponded with the University about the matter ?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*) : No.

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MR. K. KRISHNAN NAYAR (*Pattanamtitta*) Then what was the nature of the enquiry referred to in part (*d*) of the answer?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The lady Principal asked the applicant for evidence of the promise which the applicant alleged had been made to her by the Michigan University; and then the applicant showed the Principal a letter from the University which made it clear that only a copy of the prospectus of the College and a form of application had been sent to the applicant.

Hitch between the Nemam Police and the public.

460. MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether it is a fact that the estrangement between the Nemam Police and the public, which occurred a few months ago, was due to the misconduct of the former; and

(*b*) whether the authorities have enquired into the circumstances that led to the incident and taken any action?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): (*a*) There was no estrangement but a few people interested on behalf of the accused in Crime No. 30 of 1107 tried to create a commotion as the Inspector of Police did not yield to their wishes in the matter of the disposal of the said case.

(*b*) Yes. Timely action was taken by the District Officers.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): May I know whether the answer to this question has been based on the information supplied by the Police?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Of course.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): The answer to part (*a*) refers to the accused in crime No. 30 of 1107. May I know whether that accused was subsequently discharged because the charge against him was found to be unfounded?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no information.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): Are the Government aware that the public of Nemam refused to co-operate with the Police there because the Police entered into a campaign of preferring false charges against innocent persons of the place?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): Government have no such information. Certain gentlemen of the place approached the local Inspector and requested him to drop the matter. That is all the information that we have.

MR. N. K. KRISHNA PILLAI (*Neyyattinkara*): It is stated in part (*b*) of the answer, that timely action was taken by the District Officers. Who is the District Officer referred to?

MR. K. GEORGE (*Chief Secretary to Government*): The District Superintendent of Police.

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